

**Minutes of the  
Utah Technology Industry Council Meeting  
Held February 24, 2004 at the DCED**

**The meeting was called to order** at 8:15 am. In attendance were:

*Voting Members:*

Rod Linton	-	Acting Chair
Stan Lockhart	-	Co-Chair
Brad Bertoch	-	Wayne Brown Institute
Brian Moss	-	ULSA
Peter Genereaux	-	Executive Resource Group
Rich Nelson	-	UITA

*Other attendees:*

Mark Renda	-	State of Utah-DCED
Sharon Cox	-	State of Utah-DCED
Brice Wallace	-	Deseret News

**Welcome and Introductions:** Rod Linton welcomed those in attendance and excused Chairman Clayson who he said was ill and could not make it to the meeting. He also stated that he was asked by the Chairman to chair the meeting but will pass on that responsibility to Stan Lockhart when he arrived. Mr. Lockhart later joined the meeting and co-chair with it with Mr. Linton.

**Minutes of last Meeting:** The following change was made to the minutes:

Under heading "Planning Committee Report", the sentence "A motion to approve the RFI .....seconded", was changed to include the statement "*was then moved by Rich Nelson, seconded by Brian Moss and unanimously approved.*"

The minutes were then unanimously approved as amended.

**Planning Committee Report:** Peter Genereaux gave an update on the status of the RFI. He stated that the responses were due on Saturday, February 28 and that the next step would be to call a meeting of the Planning Committee to review those responses. He also explained that the firm that is chosen will likely want to interact with individuals in the various technology sub-sectors and that it will be the responsibility of the UTIC members to aggregate those individuals and facilitate the interaction between them and the chosen firm.

**Legislative Update:** Mark Renda distributed a summary document of the DCED 2004 Legislative issues as well as copies of a few of the Bills. He then turned some time over to Rich Nelson who gave an update on H.C.R. 16, *Resolution Urging Retirement System Support of Economic Development*. After his report, Mr. Nelson summarized by stating that the Legislators were very positive and proactive on this issue. Mark then gave an update on the status of each DCED issue. Mr. Genereaux suggested that updates be given specifically on the UTIC Legislative Issues. Referring to the 2004 UTIC Legislative Issues document, Rod Linton then gave an update on each item that was not covered in Mark's report. Rod noted that all the UTIC issues were moving forward in a positive direction except for the Brad Bertoch issue that was abandoned for this year but will be put on the interim study list.

**Interim Study Items:** Stan Lockhart suggested that any item on the 2004 Legislative Issues document that was not addressed this session, be placed on the Interim Study list. He then asked if there were additional items that the members would like to add to the list. The following were proposed and unanimously approved:

- Support Attorney General's effort to put a bond cap on law suit appeals
- Institute a formal State program to support the generation of SBIR grants to small businesses
- Allow capital gains exemption for emerging technology businesses
- Provide incentive to universities and colleges who provide incubation services to businesses
- Support the Bill to allow the State to get involved in the prosecution of Intellectual property crimes

Stan Lockhart suggested that the Comprehensive Economic Development Plan for the State be put on the Interim Study list. Peter Genereaux expressed his concern that it was too early in the process to do this. Rod Linton suggested that the question of whether or not to include that item on the list, be left to the decision of Paul Clayson and Dave Harmer. It was then agreed that at the very least, reporting of status on this issue be made on a continuous basis to Legislatures.

Peter Genereaux pointed out that Tom Bingham may have UMA related items to add to the Interim Study List. Rod Linton agreed to ensure that Mr. Bingham be contacted on this issue.

Stan Lockhart suggested that the rest of the committee reports be tabled until the next UTIC meeting. He also suggested that UTIC takes the opportunity to present it's committee reports the Utah Gubernatorial candidates by November, in an effort to have the UTIC agenda included on their platforms. Discussion took place on this subject as well as the need to educate and gather support from the broad technology community on the UTIC agenda and issues. IT was suggested and agreed to that UTIC will prepare a white paper or PowerPoint presentation to present to Gubernatorial Candidates. Assignments will be given to any member of the UTIC that has contact with a candidate, to make the presentation to that candidate. Rod Linton stated that UTIC would not take a position to support of one candidate over another. Brian Moss suggested that the Mountain West Venture Group Conference held in August, would be a good platform to present the UTIC agenda and issues to the technology community.

**RFP Fund Raising Campaign:** Peter Genereaux stated that there was nothing to report since the RFI process was incomplete and the amount of money needed to be raised has not yet been determined.

**Next Meeting:** The date for the next meeting was set for March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was then adjourned at 9:35am.